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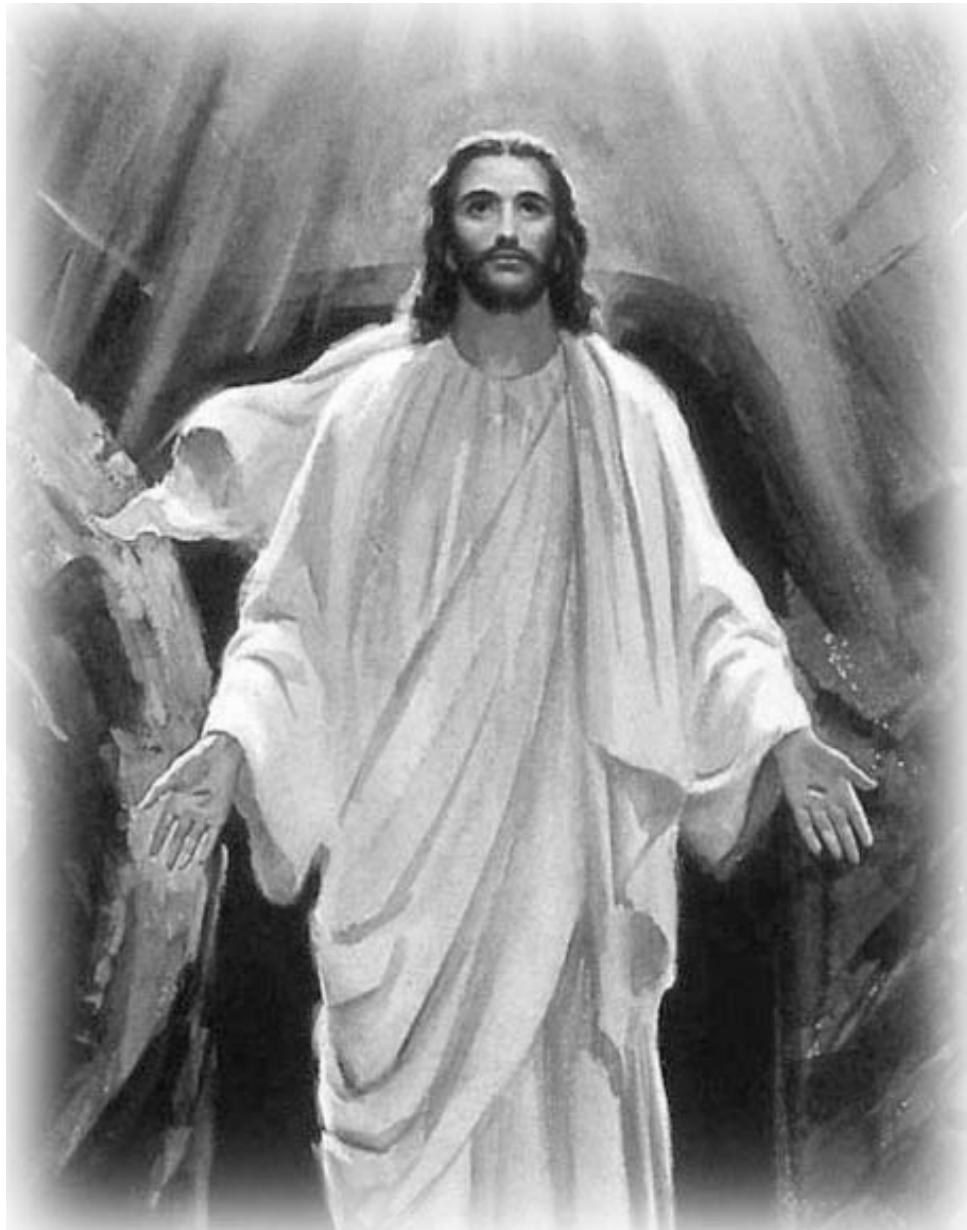
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Rejoice!

For the Lord is truly risen!

### EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR A)

The women go to the tomb at daybreak, yet they still feel the darkness of night. This question that troubles their grieving hearts: Who will roll away the stone from the entrance of the tomb? The stone, an overwhelming obstacle. There are times when we feel that a great stone blocks the door of our hearts, stifling life, extinguishing hope, imprisoning us in the tomb of our fears and regrets. We encounter such "tombstones" on our journey through life in different experiences and situations. YET, When they looked up, they saw that the large stone, had already been rolled back. It is the Lord, the God of the impossible, who rolled away the stone forever. This is the Passover of Christ: the victory of life over death, the rebirth of hope amid the ruins of failure and disappointments. <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies>

### DOMENICA DI PASQUA (ANNO A)

All'alba le donne vanno al sepolcro, ma nel cuore portano ancora la notte. Una domanda le tormenta: «Chi rotolerà via la pietra?» Quella pietra sembra chiudere non solo il sepolcro, ma anche la loro speranza. Anche noi incontriamo pietre che bloccano il cuore: paure, rimorsi, delusioni che soffocano la vita. Ma il Vangelo annuncia l'imprevisto: quando le donne alzano lo sguardo, la pietra è già stata rotolata via. È il Signore, il Dio dell'impossibile, che apre ciò che credevamo chiuso per sempre. Questa è la Pasqua di Cristo: la vittoria della vita sulla morte, la rinascita della speranza dentro le nostre oscurità.

### OUR LADY AND THE RESURRECTION

The tradition of the Church has always upheld that our Lord appeared to His Mother after the Resurrection. In many ways, it almost goes without saying. She is the place and the person of His Incarnation and the Annunciation. She initiates His public ministry at the wedding feast of Cana, acting in view of His hour. She stands faithfully at the foot of the Cross, and she is present at Pentecost, praying with the first Church. Given her intimate involvement in all these mysteries of salvation, there is no reason to imagine that she would be set aside at the moment of the Resurrection. It would be inconsistent with the pattern of grace that surrounds her throughout the Gospel. <https://www.catholic.com/audio/caf/our-ladys-role>

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: APRIL 12th



All are warmly invited to join us for a special celebration in our parish:

**3:00 PM** – Divine Mercy Chaplet

**3:30 PM** – Holy Mass

Special Note:

Commemorative Divine Mercy candles will be available for \$25.00 each. You may purchase them at the parish office (see a staff member or volunteer) or after all morning Masses next weekend.

### ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

The chapel has closed on Holy Thursday at 7:00 pm and will reopen on Easter Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Thank you for your understanding as we observe this sacred time.

### PARISH OFFICE

Our Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll be happy to welcome you back when we reopen on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your understanding, and we wish you a joyful and blessed Easter!

### BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

Just a quick update that our April session has been cancelled due to no registrations. We invite you to join us for our next session on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We look forward to welcoming you and walking with you on this special journey!

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:

Theresa Burns, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas, Lisa Petriglia, Tony Elia, Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco, Gianfranco, Ines, Roman Zakrajse, Teresa Pirrello, William Bennett, Emily Williams, Margaret Speciale, Mark Ramjattan, John Benjamin, Jane Delgado, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Gary Cullum, Manuel Uy, Nevaeh, Bert, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Ramon Ortiz, Alba Micelli, Naz, Joseph Borgerding, Leo Bombardieri, Ann, Feliciano Ventura Jr., Luca Ivy D'Souza, Margaret Ramjattan, Sandra Rodrigues, Fr. Joseph R. Mary Sue Snow, Angelina Vumbaca, Eileen Rademacher

### THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Outreach program will be collecting men's new underwear, socks, jeans (all sizes), jackets, hats, t-shirts, towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotion, bar soap/liquid body wash, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, Advil, Ensure/Boost and any non-perishable food items. Please place your donated items in the blue bin by the parish office.

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

We warmly invite our children and families to celebrate the beautiful Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Let us come together in prayer as our young members take this important step in their faith journey.

**Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:45 pm**

**Location: Transfiguration of Our Lord Church**

We look forward to sharing this special and grace-filled moment with you!

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

REHEARSALS:

Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 3:00 pm

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:45 am

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:45 am

CEREMONIES:

Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 11:00 am

Saturday, May 9, 2025 at 11:00 am

## EASTER SUNDAY

### A DAY WITH MARY

You are invited to a "Day With Mary" taking place on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at Villanova College in King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more. There is no fee to register – this is a free event open to all. Registration will open from April 8 until May 15: <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>. Complete information can be found at <https://archtoronto.org/Mary>.

### SHARELIFE

This Easter Sunday, we hold gratitude for the Lord Jesus, our saviour; and for you who brings the hands of Christ to our brothers and sisters in need. We witness how you live the Gospel wholeheartedly, opening your heart to the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized. It is through your love that our family of faith is strengthened. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Easter, blooming with hope.

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is April 26<sup>th</sup>. Thus far we have raised \$14,701.00 toward our goal of \$89,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

### HELP NOT HARM: BILL C-218

You're invited to visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

Chances are you know someone struggling with mental illness — a family member, friend, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable.

Visit [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://HelpNotHarmCanada.ca) today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$12,335.00. We are sincerely grateful to our parishioners for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

Pre-Authorized Giving is also available. If you would like to donate through this convenient method, please contact the parish office for more information.

### MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN, PORTUGAL WITH FR. CARLOS SIERRA TOBON

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### MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

#### **Sunday April 5 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish  
9:00 am †Pina Locero, †Girolama Cangemi, †Silvio Boin  
10:30 am †Robert Pereira, †Sophia Coleman, †James Savage,  
Special Blessings for the Pinto & Raimundo Families,  
A Thanksgiving Mass from Rodney Nicomedez  
12:00 pm †Jose Vaz, †Adriana Oliveira, †Mario Bellisario, †Vera Bellisario,  
†Dolores & Carmen Adino, A Thanksgiving Mass for Karen &  
Carlyle Laurie  
1:30 pm Igbo Mass  
7:00 pm †Nicola Biancofiore, †Alexis Velasquez, Special Healing for  
Franco Filice  
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

#### **Monday April 6 Monday within the Octave of Easter**

- 9:30 am †Margaret Hicks, †Ruth Villalobos, †Giovanni & Caterina  
DeMarco & deceased family members, Special Intention of  
Teresa Silva, Special Birthday Blessings for Ernesto Castillo

#### **Tuesday April 7 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

- 9:30 am †Maria Carolina Valador, †Maria & Giovanni Minicucci,  
†Secundino Pedreira & deceased family members,  
Special Blessings for Albina & Amanda Lijoi  
6:45 pm First Reconciliation

#### **Wednesday April 8 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

- 9:30 am †Eric Patrao

#### **Thursday April 9 Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

- 9:30 am †Carmen & Vincent Micallef, †Gianluigi Lijoi, †Nino & Gina  
Mendolia & deceased family members, †Natale & Teresa  
Clemente  
9:30 am Mass at St. Maurice School  
1:00 pm Church Mass: Transfiguration of Our School

#### **Friday April 10 Friday within the Octave of Easter**

- 9:30 am †Vittoria Bertucci, †Teresa Cina, †Pietro & Maria Meglio &  
deceased family members

#### **Saturday April 11 Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

- 9:30 am †Mate Granic, †Norman Fonseca, †Chiara Lubich, †Joseph  
Cutajar, †Maria & John Fernandes & deceased family members  
2:00 pm Baptism  
3:30 pm Mass at Parkland  
4:30 pm Confessions  
5:30 pm †Clara Rodrigues, †Marija & Mirko Juresic, Special Birthday  
Blessings for Tiago Castillo

#### **Sunday April 12 Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

- 7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish  
9:00 am †Anna & Antonio Virido, †Vito Tassone, †Chiara & Giuseppe  
Morano  
10:30 am †Maria & Natale D'Urzo, †Saluzinho & Valdermir Pinto,  
†Alexis Velasquez, Souls in Purgatory, Special Blessings for  
Faye & Keshia De Souza  
12:00 pm †Francesco & Domenico D'Urzo, †Edward Thurainayagam,  
†Pietro & Angela Mule, †Gregorio Mule, A Thanksgiving Mass  
for Karen & Carlyle Laurie  
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
3:30 pm Divine Mercy Mass  
7:00 pm Souls in Purgatory  
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

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